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SUBJECT: COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION AT THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

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1. LOERKE, EC COMMISSION US DESK OFFICER, HAS APPROACHED THE MISSION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY'S REPRESENTATION AT THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC). HE OUTLINED FOR US THE POSITION WHICH THE COMMISSION IS SEEKING IN THE WFC (SEE PARA 2, REFTEL). THE COMMISSION DOES NOT WANT TO HAVE A VOTE BUT WISHES TO BE ALLOWED TO EXPRESS ITS VIEWS AND SUBMIT TEXTS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY FOR MATTERS WITHIN ITS COMPETENCE. LOERKE SAID THAT IT WOULD OF COURSE BE NECESSARY FOR THE EC MEMBER STATES TO APPROVE THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL.

2. THE COMMISSION IS NOW LOBBYING WITH NUMEROUS PARTICIPANTS IN THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, IN ORDER TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR THE NECESSARY CHANGES IN THE DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL.

3. WE TOLD LOERKE WE WOULD FORWARD THE REQUEST FOR US ASSISTANCE TO WASHINGTON AND WOULD RESPOND TO HIM AS SOON AS WE HAD RECEIVED A REPLY TO HIS REQUEST. WE ALSO NOTED

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THAT ANY FINAL US ACTION ON THE ISSUE WOULD, OF COURSE,

BE CONTINGENT ON MEMBER STATE ENDORSEMENT OF THE
COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL. GREENWALD

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